



QUICK PROJECTS TO DO

Pillowcase

Goal: What will be learned by this project?

The instructions for this project are a compilation of instructions from various pillowcase kits purchased from quilt shops and the instructions from the Hoffman California Fabrics site.

This project teaches color and fabric selection, straight stitching, and finger pinning. The skill of finger pinning is needed for piecing the large log cabin blocks. This project also serves as practice on cutting with a rotary cutter, ruler and mat.

Materials Needed: See directions below

Directions to make this project:

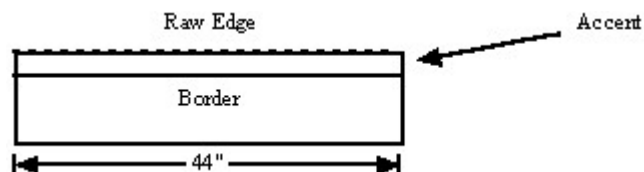
Instructions are for 44/45" wide fabric. Pre-wash fabric to eliminate shrinkage. All seams are 1/4 inch (or the width of the presser foot on a standard machine, which will be closer to 3/8 inches). Fabric pieces are cut along the crosswise grain of the fabric.

Cut one - 28" X 44/45" strip for body of pillowcase

Cut one - 2 1/2" X 44/45" strip for pillowcase accent (you may prefer to use a very narrow piece here as it will look more like the commercially made pillowcases, try 1 1/2").

Cut one - 9 1/2" X 44/45" strip for pillowcase border.

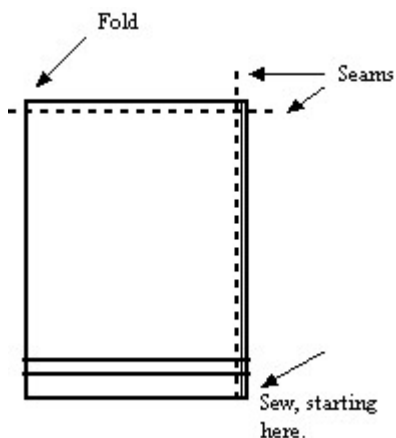
Fold the accent and the border of the pillowcase in half lengthwise with the right sides to the outside. The accent will be 1 1/4" x 44/45" (or your choice) and the border will be 4 3/4" x 44/45" after folding. Press. Place the folded accent on top of the folded border, with the raw edges of each aligned, and sew (no need to backstitch as there will be selvages to trim off). Don't worry if the ends of these pieces don't line up. They will be trimmed later.



With the accent side down, place the border/accent strip on top of the right side of a 44" side of the body fabric, align the raw edges, and sew (no need to backstitch as the ends may not match and will be trimmed later). To prevent fraying, finish this seam edge. Serge or zig-zag the raw edges together. Press the seams toward the body of the pillowcase.

Trim off selvages and any excess fabric that may result from differences in fabric width. Fold pillowcase in half, right sides of fabric together, matching edge of border and seam between pillow case body and border/accent. Pin. Sew the side seam starting at the folded edge of the border so they will match nicely. Sew the seam across the end of the pillowcase. Be sure to backstitch these two seams and finish them by serging or zig-zag.

Turn right side out and press.



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